## That which is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

receiving an input signal associated with an actuation of a user-interface member; determining a haptic code associated with the actuation; and including the haptic code in an output signal.

- 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising sending the output signal to a remote handheld communication device.
- 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising including in the output signal at least one of a message, a video image, and a graphical feature.
- 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising making the determination is based on a predetermined scheme.
- 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the user-interface member includes at least one of a key, a button, a key pad, a direction pad, a touch screen, a scroll wheel, a mini-joystick, a trackball, and a knob.
- 6. A method, comprising:

receiving an input signal;

outputting a request relating to a contact with a user-interface member coupled to a handheld communication device; and

providing a control signal associated with the contact to an actuator coupled to the handheld communication device, the control signal configured to cause the actuator to output a haptic effect associated with the input signal.

- 7. The method of claim 6 further comprising extracting a haptic code from the input signal, the control signal being based at least in part on the haptic code.
- 8. The method of claim 6 further comprising causing a content of the input signal to be displayed, the content includes at least one of a message, a video image, and a graphical feature.
- 9. The method of claim 6 wherein the user-interface member includes one of a key, a button, a key pad, a direction pad, a touch screen, a scroll wheel, a mini-joystick, a trackball, and a knob.
- 10. A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, comprising: program code for receiving an input signal associated with an actuation of a user-interface member;

program code for determining a haptic code associated with the actuation; and program code for including the haptic code in an output signal.

11. The computer-readable medium of claim 10 further comprising program code for sending the output signal to a remote handheld communication device.

- 12. The computer-readable medium of claim 10 further comprising program code for including in the output signal at least one of a message, a video image, and a graphical feature.
- 13. The computer-readable medium of claim 10 further comprising program code for making the determination is based on a predetermined scheme.
- 14. A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, comprising: program code for receiving an input signal;

program code for outputting a request relating to a contact with a user-interface member coupled to a handheld communication device; and

program code for providing a control signal associated with the contact to an actuator coupled to the handheld communication device, the control signal configured to cause the actuator to output a haptic effect associated with the input signal.

- 15. The method of claim 14 further comprising program code for extracting a haptic code from the input signal, the control signal being based at least in part on the haptic code.
- 16. The method of claim 14 further comprising program code for causing a content of the input signal to be displayed, the content includes at least one of a message, a video image, and a graphical feature.
- 17. A data stream embodied in a carrier signal, carrying instructions to receive an input signal associated with an actuation of a user-interface member; determine a haptic code associated with the actuation; and include the haptic code in an output signal.
- 18. A data stream embodied in a carrier signal, carrying instructions to receive an input signal;

output a request relating to a contact with a user-interface member coupled to a handheld communication device; and

provide a control signal associated with the contact to an actuator coupled to the handheld communication device, the control signal configured to cause the actuator to output a haptic effect associated with the input signal.

19. An apparatus, comprising:
a user-interface member coupled to a body;
a processor;
an actuator coupled to the body and in communication with the processor; and

a memory in communication with the processor, the memory storing program code executable by the processor, including:

program code for receiving an input signal associated with an actuation of the user-interface member;

program code for determining a haptic code associated with the actuation; and program code for including the haptic code in an output signal.

- 20. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the body is included in a handheld communication device.
- 21. The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the handheld communication device includes one of a cellular phone, a satellite phone, a cordless phone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a two-way radio, a portable computer, a game console controller, a personal gaming device, and an MP3 player.
- 22. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the user-interface member includes at least one of a key, a button, a key pad, a direction pad, a touch screen, a scroll wheel, a mini-joystick, a trackball, and a knob.
- 23. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the memory further stores program code for sending the output signal to a remote handheld communication device
- 24. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the memory further stores program code for including in the output signal at least one of a message, a video image, and a graphical feature.
- 25. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the user-interface member is one of a plurality of user-interface members coupled to the body, the memory further storing a plurality of haptic codes, each associated with one of the plurality of user-interface members according to a predetermined scheme.
- 26. The apparatus, comprising:
  - a user-interface member coupled to a body;
  - a processor;
  - an actuator coupled to the body and in communication with the processor; and
- a memory in communication with the processor, the memory storing program code executable by the processor, including:

program code for receiving an input signal; .

program code for outputting a request relating to a contact with the user-interface member; and

program code for providing a control signal associated with the contact to the actuator, the control signal configured to cause the actuator to output a haptic effect associated with the input signal.

- 27. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein the body is included in a handheld communication device.
- 28. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the handheld communication device includes one of a cellular phone, a satellite phone, a cordless phone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a two-way radio, a portable computer, a game console controller, a personal gaming device, and an MP3 player.
- 29. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein the user-interface member includes at least one of a key, a button, a key pad, a direction pad, a touch screen, a scroll wheel, a mini-joystick, a trackball, and a knob..
- 30. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein the memory further stores program code for extracting a haptic code from the input signal, the control signal being based at least in part on the haptic code.
- 31. The apparatus of claim 26 further comprising a display device in communication with the processor, the memory further storing program code for causing a content of the input signal to be displayed, the content includes at least one of a message, a video image, and a graphical feature.